

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 8 and 12-38 have been cancelled. Claims 1-7 have been previously cancelled. The Office Action indicates that previously withdrawn claims 39-46 are rejoined for further consideration. Accordingly, claims 9-11 and 39-50 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 9 and 39 are independent. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

In view of the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Double Patenting

Claims 9-11 and 39-50 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 17-21 of U. S. Patent No. 6,678,031 issued to Song ("Song") in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,567,144 issued to Kim, et al. ("Kim") and further in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,067,144 issued to Murouchi ("Murouchi"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

To obviate the provisional double patenting rejection, in this response, Applicants timely submit a Terminal Disclaimer attached hereafter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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